

#13 C  
NE  
PS  
RESPONSE UNDER 37  
C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 18

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Desmond J. Best, et al.

**Examiner:** M. Berch

**Serial No:** 09/918,152

**Art Unit:** 1624

**Filed:** July 30, 2001

**Docket:** 15636 (PC10947A-US)

**For:** NOVEL PROCESS

**Dated:** March 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER §1.116**

Sir:

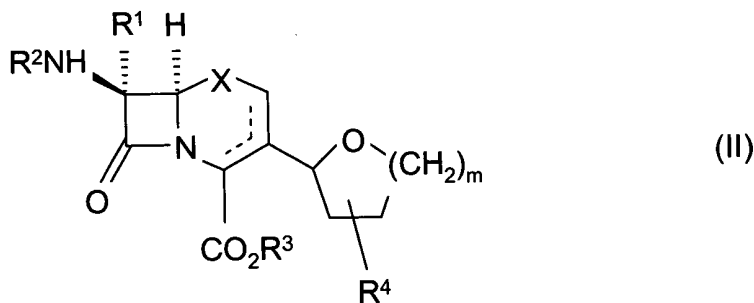
*Do Not enter notation*  
In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, applicants submit the following response for entry in the above-identified case.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1, 11, 21-23 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula

(II):



**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 10, 2003.

Dated: March 10, 2003

*Janet Grossman*  
Janet Grossman